

**Amendments to the Drawings:**

The attached sheets of drawings are replacement sheets and are submitted to replace the previously filed sheets which the Examiner objected to due to poor reproducibility.

Attachment:           7 Sheets of Replacement

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Applicant requests that the application be amended as above described. Applicant notes claims 1-17 are allowable if appropriately amended. Claims 1-17 have been amended, and new claims 18-20 have been added to clarify the invention recited therein.

#### **Drawings**

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to Figs. 5-7 because of poor reproducibility. Applicant has provided replacement sheets.

#### **Claim Objections**

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 1-17 for informalities. Applicant has carefully reviewed the claims and amended the claims as necessary to correct grammatical errors as suggested by the Examiner. No new matter has been introduced. Applicant therefore requests withdrawal of the Examiner's objections.

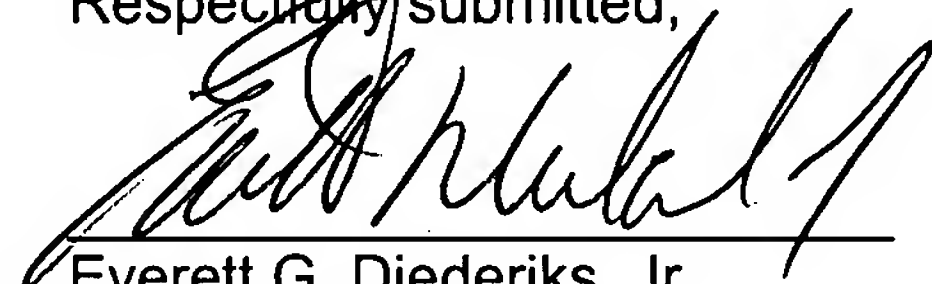
#### **Claim Rejections**

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 12-17 under 35 USC § 112 for being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended claims 12-17 to more clearly define the present invention. No new matter has been introduced. Applicant therefore requests withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection under 35 USC § 112.

Conclusion

Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for full allowance, and favorable action to that end is respectfully requested. If the Examiner should have any additional questions or concerns regarding this matter, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided below in order to further prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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